

Election of Species Requirement Summary

The Examiner has required election of one of three species labeled Species I, Species II and Species III and identification of the claims reading thereon. The Examiner asserts that Species I, II and III are patentably distinct species where Species I is shown in figures 3 – 13b, Species II is shown in figures 14 – 19, and Species III is shown in figures 20 - 24.

Response

Applicants elect to continue prosecution of Species II, shown in figures 14 - 19. Applicants submit that claims 5 - 8 are readable on Species II.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examine all of the claims of Species II.

CONCLUSION

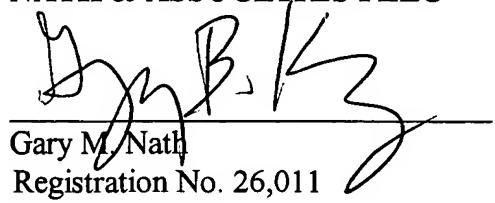
In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to conduct a first substantive examination of the application. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this matter, he is welcomed to contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number and address.

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